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C O N F I D E N T I A L UDORN 25

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, TH, US

SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO STUDENT DEMAND TO RESTRICT U.S. MILITARY  
ACCESS TO UDORN

REF: UDORN 13 NOTAL

1. SUMMARY: UDORN PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR AND HIS STAFF MET WITH  
U.S. MILITARY COMMANDERS IN UDORN AND MYSELF JAN 20 TO DISCUSS  
RESPONSE TO UDORN TEACHER TRAINING COLLEGE (UTC) STUDENT DEMAND  
THAT U.S. MILITARY BE ALLOWED ENTER TOWN ONLY ONCE A WEEK.  
PARTICIPANTS AGREED NOT TO RESTRICT U.S. MILITARY ACCESS TO TOWN,  
BUT TO TAKE FURTHER STEPS TO IMPROVE GI DRESS AND BEHAVIOR AS  
WELL AS ARRANGE ATHLETIC AND OTHER CONTACTS BETWEEN BASE AND UTC  
NEXT DOOR. GOV DIRECTED PROVINCIAL EDUCATION OFFICER (PEO) AND  
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UTC DIRECTOR TO HAVE THEM AND UTC PROFESSORS TELL STUDENTS ABOUT  
POINTS RAISED IN MEETING RATHER THAN HAVING HIMSELF OR ME RESPOND

DIRECTLY TO DEMANDS STUDENTS RAISED WITH US IN DEMONSTRATIONS AT PROVINCIAL OFFICE AND CONSULATE AND LATER AT BASE JAN 14.  
END SUMMARY.

2. AS REPORTED REFTTEL, STUDENTS IN DEMONSTRATIONS JAN 14 AT CONSULATE AND PROVINCIAL OFFICE PRESENTED TO ME AND GOV LIST OF SIX DEMANDS REGARDING PRESENCE U.S. MILITARY AND "SECRET UNITS" IN THAILAND. GOV AND I SEPARATELY SAID FIRST FIVE DEMANDS (INCLUDING CLOSING OF U.S. BASES, WITHDRAWAL OF AMERICAN "SECRET UNITS," AND COLLECTION OF DUTY ON PX GOODS) COULD NOT BE DECIDED AT LOCAL LEVEL BUT WE WOULD REFER THEM TO BANGKOK. HE AND I SEPARATELY SAID, HOWEVER, THAT WE WOULD MEET WITH U.S. COMMANDERS TO DISCUSS SIXTH DEMAND TO RESTRICT GI ENTRY INTO TOWN TO ONCE A WEEK. AFTER DEMONSTRATING AT CONSULATE AND PROVINCIAL OFFICE, STUDENTS THAT EVENING DEMONSTRATED AT BASE ITSELF, FIRST TIME THIS HAS HAPPENED AT U.S. TENANTED BASE IN THAILAND.

3. ON JAN 20, USAF BASE COMMANDER AT UDORN HOSTED MEETING WITH GOV AND HIS STAFF, COMMANDERS U.S. ARMY INSTALLATIONS IN UDORN, AND MYSELF TO DISCUSS RESPONSE TO SIXTH STUDENT DEMAND ON RESTRICTING GI ENTRY INTO TOWN. GOV SAID STUDENT DEMONSTRATORS HAD PROTESTED BOTH THAT GI SPENDING RAISED COST OF LIVING IN UDORN AND THAT GI DRESS AND BEHAVIOR SOMETIMES OFFENDED THAI SENSE OF PROPRIETY. USAF BASE COMMANDER POINTED OUT THAT OVER 1.5 MILLION DOLLARS A MONTH CONVERTED TO BAHT TO SPEND ON LOCAL ECONOMY.

4. PEO SAID ONLY SMALL PROPORTION OF TOTAL NUMBER UTC STUDENTS HAD PARTICIPATED IN DEMONSTRATIONS. HE SAID HE HAD TALKED TO STUDENTS BEFORE COMING TO MEETING. THEY UNDERSTOOD THAT FIRST FIVE DEMANDS COULD NOT BE DECIDED LOCALLY, BUT THEY WANTED FAST RESPONSE ON SIXTH DEMAND. THEY ARGUED THAT THEY WERE THINKING OF NATIONAL WELFARE AND AS FUTURE TEACHERS WANTED TO STOP U.S. MILITARY FROM SETTING BAD EXAMPLES WHICH THAI YOUTH WOULD FOLLOW, LEADING TO DETERIORATION OF MORALITY.

5. USAF BASE COMMANDER RESPONDED THAT HE HAD SENT LETTER TO ALL PERSONNEL JAN 2 REGARDING DRESS AND BEHAVIOR CODE AND SAID IF STUDENTS WANTED TO ADD ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT HE WOULD BE RECEPTIVE. DISTRICT POLICE CHIEF RAISED FOUR ADDITIONAL  
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POINTS REGARDING PROPER WAY TO RIDE THREE WHEEL SAMLAWS, HAVING GI'S LEAVE BARS AT LEGAL CLOSING TIME EVEN THOUGH BAR OWNERS WANTED STAY OPEN, NOT HUGGING OR KISSING IN PUBLIC, AND NOT GOING TO ILLEGAL BLUE MOVIES IN TOWN. HE ALSO ASKED FOR ADDITIONAL TOWN PATROL TO POLICE GI BEHAVIOR, AND USAF BASE COMMANDER ASKED FOR THAI POLICEMAN TO PARTICIPATE.

6. USAF COMMANDER ALSO SAID HE HAD RECENTLY DIRECTED INFORMATION OFFICER TO GET IN TOUCH WITH UTC TO OFFER BASE LIBRARY PRIVILEGES TO STUDENTS, INVITE THEM TO TOUR BASE AND ARRANGE FOR

ENGLISH CONVERSATION GROUP AND SPORTS CONTESTS.

7. GOV SUGGESTED PUTTING SOME USAF CIVIC ACTION EFFORTS NOT ONLY INTO VILLAGES AROUND BASE BUT INTO UTC ITSELF, SUCH AS PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR NEW NORTHEAST CULTURAL CENTER ON CAMPUS, WHERE USAF COMMANDER AND I RECENTLY ATTENDED DEDICATION CEREMONY. WE IN TURN SUGGESTED OFFICIALS INFORM STUDENTS THAT CIVIC ACTION WAS HELPING BUILD SCHOOLS IN VILLAGES WHERE UTC STUDENTS MIGHT EVENTUALLY BE TEACHING.

8. GOV CONCLUDED THAT NO RESTRICTIONS SHOULD BE PUT ON GI ACCESS INTO TOWN. HE ALSO DIRECTED PEO AND UTC DIRECTOR TO TALK TO PROFESSORS AND STUDENTS TO EXPLAIN BOTH REASONS FOR U.S. MILITARY PRESENCE IN THAILAND AND ALSO ARGUMENTS FOR ALLOWING GI'S GO INTO TOWN EVERY DAY. HE SAID IT BETTER GO THROUGH PROPER CHANNELS THIS WAY RATHER THAN HAVE HIM OR MYSELF RESPOND DIRECTLY TO STUDENT DEMANDS. BROH-KAHN. GDS.

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